Discrete Mathematics

Functions

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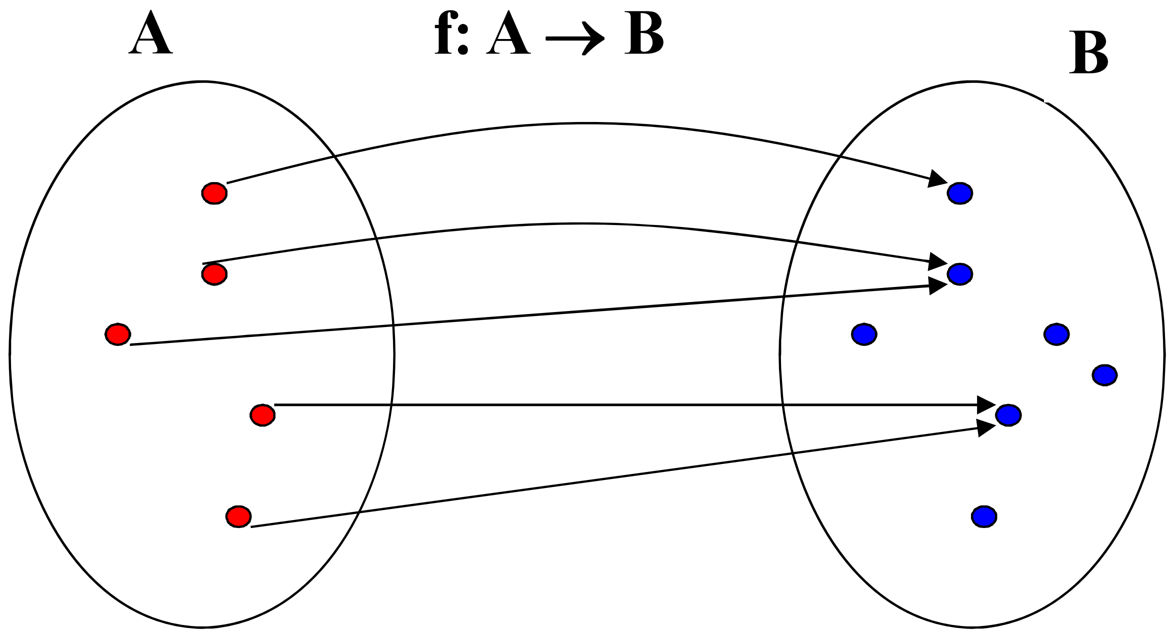

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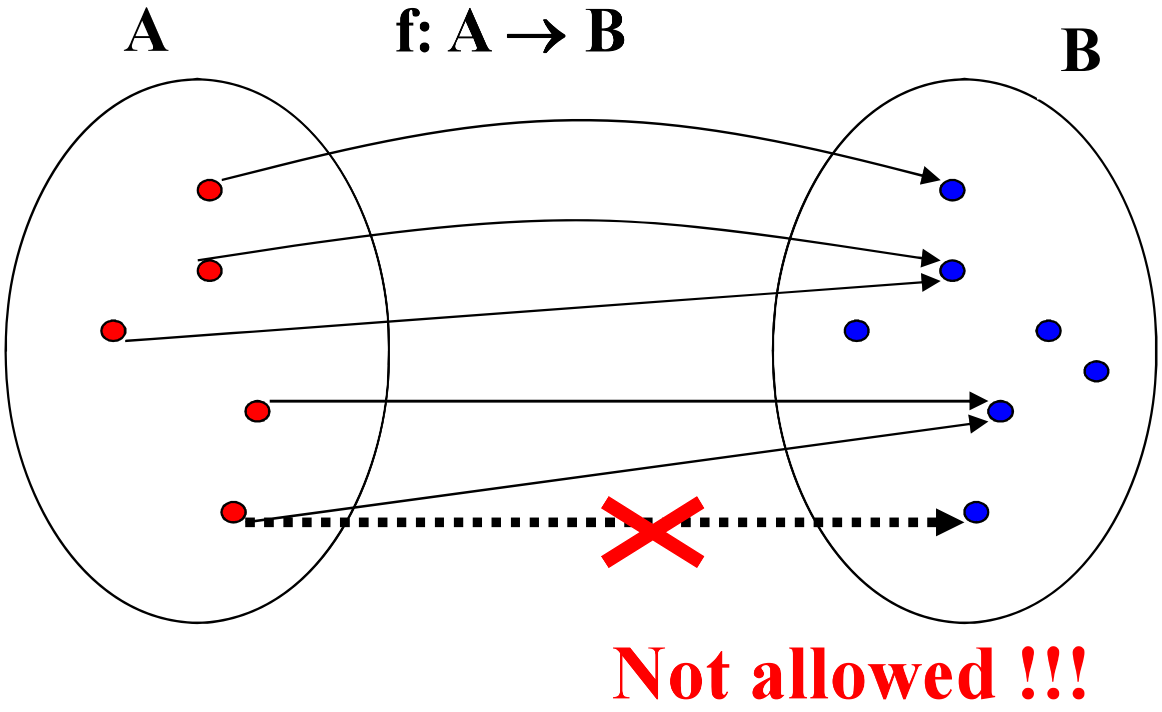

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2. Compactly by a formula. (using 'standard' functions)

Example1:

- Let A = {1,2,3} and B = {a,b,c}
- Assume f is defined as:
  - $1 \rightarrow c$
  - $2 \rightarrow a$
  - $3 \rightarrow c$
- Is f a function ?
- **Yes.** since f(1)=c, f(2)=a, f(3)=c. each element of A is assigned an element from B

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- Let A = {1,2,3} and B = {a,b,c}
- Assume g is defined as
  - $1 \rightarrow c$
  - $1 \rightarrow b$
  - $2 \rightarrow a$
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- Is g a function?
- **No.** g(1) = is assigned both c and b.

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Example 3:

- $A = \{0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9\}$, $B = \{0,1,2\}$
- Define $h: A \to B$ as:
  - $h(x) = x \bmod 3$.
  - (the result is the remainder after the division by 3)
- Assignments:
- $0 \rightarrow 0$ $\qquad$ $3 \rightarrow 0$
- $1 \rightarrow 1$ $\qquad$ $4 \rightarrow 1$
- $2 \rightarrow 2$ $\qquad$ …

Important sets

Definitions: Let f be a function from A to B.

- We say that A is the **domain** of f and B is the **codomain** of f.
- If f(a) = b, **b is the image of a** and **a is a pre-image of b**.
- **The range of f** is the set of all images of elements of A. Also, if f is a function from A to B, we say f maps A to B.

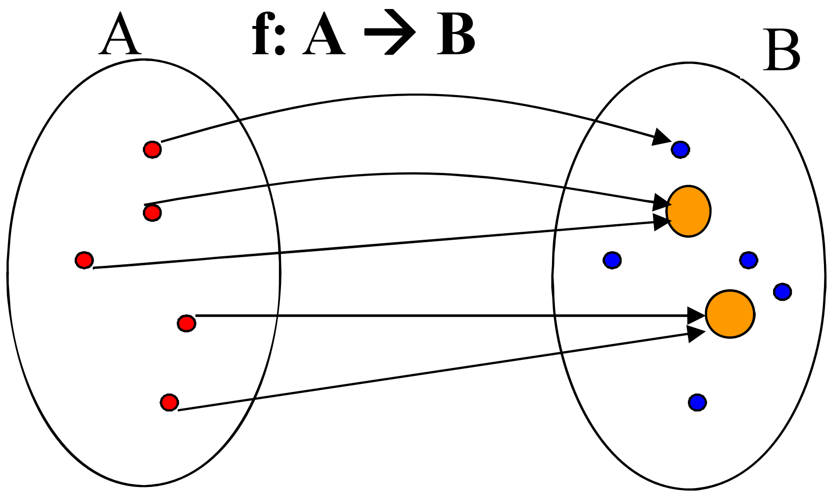
Example: Let A = {1,2,3} and B = {a,b,c}

- Assume f is defined as: $1 \rightarrow c$, $2 \rightarrow a$, $3 \rightarrow c$
- What is the image of 1?
- $1 \rightarrow c$ c is the image of 1
- What is the pre-image of a?
- $2 \rightarrow a$ 2 is a pre-image of a.
- Domain of f ? {1,2,3}
- Codomain of f ? {a,b,c}
- Range of f ? {a,c}

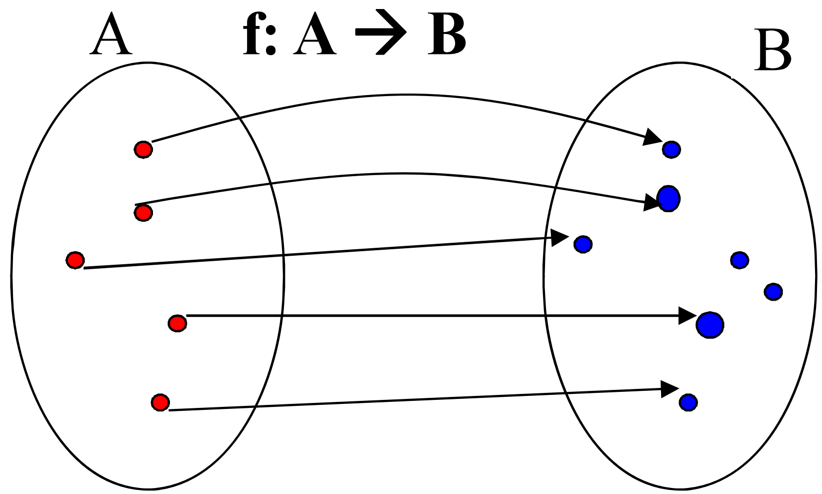
Injective function

Definition: A function f is said to be **one-to-one, or injective**, if and only if $f(x) = f(y)$ implies $x = y$ for all x, y in the domain of f. A function is said to be an **injection if it is one-to-one**.

Alternate: A function is one-to-one if and only if $f(x) \neq f(y)$, whenever $x \neq y$. This is the contrapositive of the definition.



Not injective



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Example 1: Let A = {1,2,3} and B = {a,b,c}

- Define f as
  - $1 \rightarrow c$
  - $2 \rightarrow a$
  - $3 \rightarrow c$
- Is f one to one? **No**, it is not one-to-one since f(1) = f(3) = c, and $1 \neq 3$.

Example 2: Let $g : Z \rightarrow Z$, where $g(x) = 2x - 1$.

- Is g is one-to-one (why?)
- **Yes.**
- Suppose g(a) = g(b), i.e., 2a - 1 = 2b - 1 => 2a = 2b

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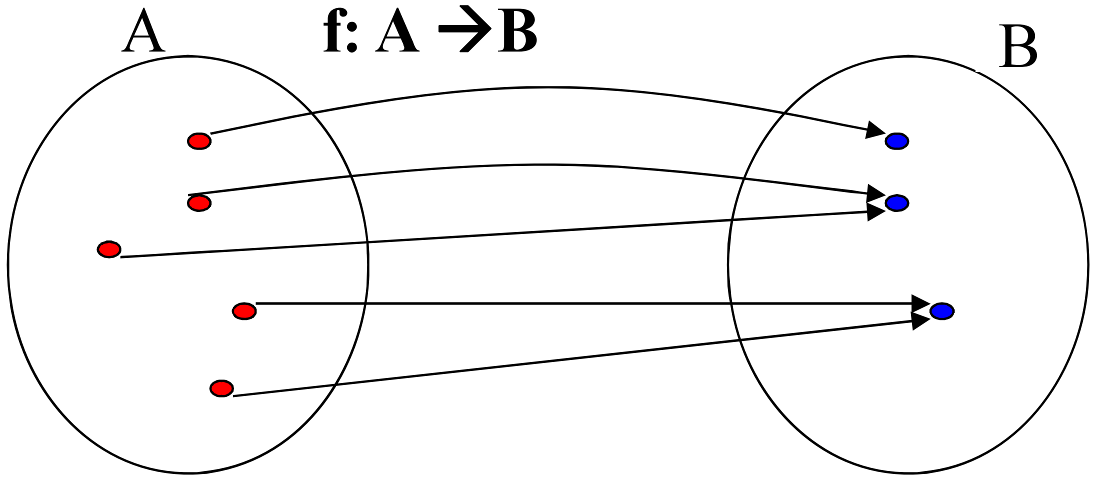
=> a = b.

Surjective function

Definition: A function f from A to B is called **onto**, or **surjective**, if and only if for every $b \in B$ there is an element $a \in A$ such that $f(a) = b$.

Alternative: all co-domain elements are covered



Surjective functions

Example 1: Let A = {1,2,3} and B = {a,b,c}

– Define f as

- $1 \rightarrow c$
- $2 \rightarrow a$
- $3 \rightarrow c$

- Is f an onto?
- **No.** f is not onto, since $b \in B$ has no pre-image.

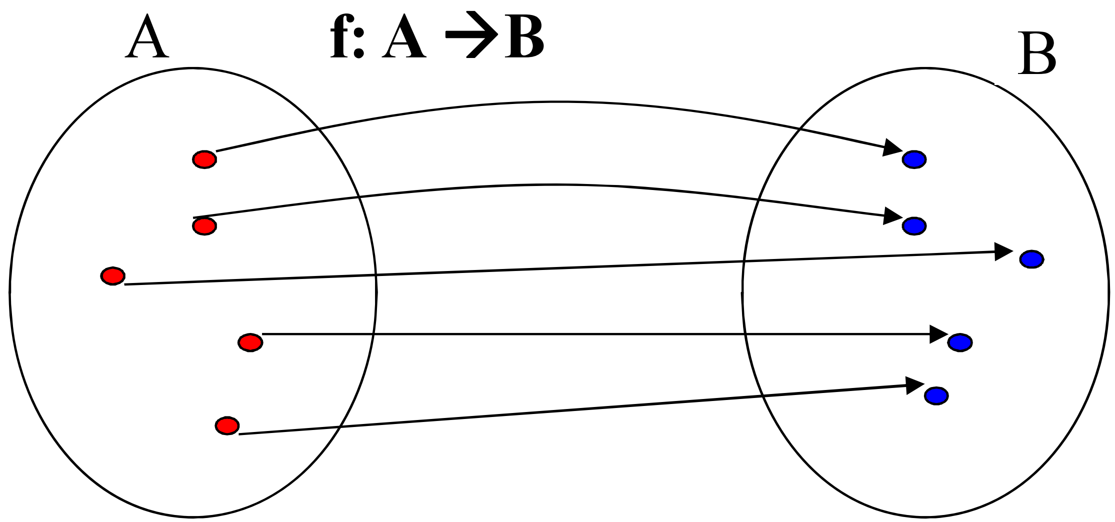
Example 2: A = {0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9}, B = {0,1,2}

– Define h: $A \rightarrow B$ as h(x) = x mod 3.

- Is h an onto function?
- **Yes.** h is onto since a pre-image of 0 is 6, a pre-image of 1 is 4, a pre-image of 2 is 8.

Bijective functions

Definition: A function f is called **a bijection** if it is **both one-to-one and onto**.



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Example 1:

- Let $A = \{1,2,3\}$ and $B = \{a,b,c\}$
  - Define f as
    - $1 \to c$
    - $2 \to a$
    - $3 \to b$
- Is f is a bijection? **Yes.** It is both one-to-one and onto.

- **Note:** Let f be a function from a set A to itself, where A is finite. f is one-to-one if and only if f is onto.
- This is not true for A an infinite set. Define $f : Z \to Z$, where $f(z) = 2 * z$. f is one-to-one but not onto (3 has no pre-image).

Bijective functions

Example 2:

- Define g : W $\rightarrow$ W (whole numbers), where

  g(n) = $\lfloor n/2 \rfloor$ (floor function).

  - 0 $\rightarrow$ $\lfloor 0/2 \rfloor$ = $\lfloor 0 \rfloor$ = 0
  - 1 $\rightarrow$ $\lfloor 1/2 \rfloor$ = $\lfloor 1/2 \rfloor$ = 0
  - 2 $\rightarrow$ $\lfloor 2/2 \rfloor$ = $\lfloor 1 \rfloor$ = 1
  - 3 $\rightarrow$ $\lfloor 3/2 \rfloor$ = $\lfloor 3/2 \rfloor$ = 1
- ...
- Is g a bijection?
  - **No.** g is onto but not 1-1 (g(0) = g(1) = 0 however 0 $\neq$ 1.